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Belgian Congo.
Belgian Congo, founded thirty years ago, is still in the early stage of development. So far practically no manufacturing industries have yet been established, and, aside from the important copper mines in the Katanga district, the only large industrial enterprises are the railways and river transportation services. It may be said that business activities in the colony are devoted to the collection of tropical products—rubber, ivory, gum copal, oil and kernels, cacao, etc.—and railway and river services are in the only accessories to these activities, having been established primarily in the transportation of these products to the seaports. The gathering of rubber in Congo has never reached its former activity, and in all probability will never again be so rich a source of income to the colony as it was previous to 1912.

Ship Money.
Charles I. was badly in need of money and his attorney general in the case of his antiquarian researches discovered that in the dim ages of the crown had issued writs to the lords and towns on the coast requiring them to provide vessels for the royal navy, and he suggested that this ancient right might be brought into use again. Instead of the actual vessels a contribution might be exacted from them. Thus the king would be able to pay a larger part of the realm while practically observing the laws. Writs of ship money were accordingly issued, but the patriot John Hampden argued that they were illegal and such a protest against them they were practically nullified.

Weed Pests.
The two species of ferns native to country a few have become more serious weed pests. The most troublesome are the hay scented fern brake. According to a bulletin of the department of agriculture, cut-off the tops close to the soil surface twice a year for two years will cut nearly all ferns. The best way to do the cutting are just previous to spring, or about the middle of and the middle of August.

Life in Bermuda.
Feature of life in Bermuda which impresses the stranger is the great prosperity of the natives, and the colored alike. Distressing poverty is unknown, and even the poor-millies can boast of a stone house and a garden.—Argonaut.

Booth's Last Stage Speech.
The last words uttered on the stage of Edwin Booth were, "Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you." "Hamlet" the play, and the Brooklyn Academy of Music was the scene of that "oration." Mr. Booth delivered in response to something like the death call for him before the curtain.

"Uncle Sam."
The application of the term "Uncle Sam" to the United States had its beginning in Troy, N. Y., during the war of 1812. A commission contractor of Troy named Elbert Anderson had a shop in which the stocks were always examined and passed by a government inspector called Samuel Wilson, who was generally known as "Uncle Sam." When the boxes were passed they were always marked with the initials of the contractor and the nation, "EA-US." One day the man who was doing the marketing was asked what the initials stood for and replied jokingly that they were the initials of the contractor and of "Uncle Sam." The joke spread among the men, got into print and long before the end of the war had become known all over the country. Mr. Wilson, the original "Uncle Sam," died in Troy in 1854.—New York Times.

Match Sticks.
Certain kinds of matches are shaved with the grain from sawed blocks. Others are cut both ways by saws. In still further varieties the blocks are boiled to make them cut easily. By some machines a boiled or steamed log is revolved on its own axis, and a shaving the thickness of a match is cut round and round. This shaving is at the same time cut into lengths and split into match sticks. It may be said that there is hardly a limit to the varieties of methods employed. Round matches are made by forcing them through dies.—Harper's.

The Capacity to Sleep.
Very enviable is the capacity to sleep in any position, which has been attributed to Chinese soldiers. In his "Chinese Characteristics" Dr. Arthur H. Smith, the American missionary, says: "It would be easy to raise in China an army of a million men—nay, of 10,000,000—tested by competitive examination as to their capacity to go to sleep across three wheelbarrows, with head downward, like a spider, their mouths wide open and a fly inside."—London Opinion.

Grunt Who Will Tower.
Anne, the duchess in wooden shoes, who brought Brittany in the pocket of her wedding gown to her husband, the king of France, kept the government for herself, and when the bishop of St. Malo protested against the stronghold which she built to cow the too independent Maloises she carved on her tower the irreverent inscription, which may still be read there, "Grunt who will, so shall it be; 'tis my pleasure." And the tower "Grunt Who Will" (Quelqu'un Grogne) it remains to this day.

More Than a Turn.
"Did you win the argument?"
"I should say so. Why, when I finished my opponent couldn't say a word."
"You did him to a turn, eh?"
"To a taciturn."—St. Louis Republic.

PALATKANS TO PLUG FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

To Comport with Dignity of City and its Children's Welfare.

A special meeting was held at the Board of Trade Rooms last Monday night, called by patriotic citizens interested in providing better school facilities for the children of Palatka.

Perhaps you have noticed the illustrations prepared by Fred Cochrane and which for some days have been on exhibition in the Ackerman-Stewart window. It shows some of the magnificent school buildings provided by other cities and towns in Florida, many of them being of less importance than Palatka. Towns of only half the size have high school buildings costing from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

There is also shown a view of Palatka's cheap, insignificant high school building. This is our one deep disgrace. Once we strove and failed. Now is the time to make another try. This meeting Monday night was to arouse an interest and to organize for one supreme effort for a new school.

Fred Cochrane was stuffed as full as a leather cushion with school building statistics. He showed that for Palatka to bond for \$100,000 would only cost each tax payer but about 20 cents on the \$1,000 of his property.

Herman F. Leeks, a prince among pluggers for advanced ideas in schools and other good things, was made chairman of the meeting.

E. M. Earnest, who has been a pluggger for Palatka ever since he struck the old town, was there and made a ringing speech. Mr. Earnest is now in a position where he can do effective work. He is the new chairman of the Palatka special tax school district trustees. Watch him. Col. Dinneen, the man who interviewed Mr. Mellon and made an effort to elongate his leg, reported that that gentleman would come across with a liberal donation—provided. This proviso will be respected. Palatka thinks a heap of James R. Mellon, and will weigh his wishes with all the consideration due to the man.

But we are going after that school. You, fellow citizens, are expected to ENLIST. Don't wait to be drafted.

Last of Dance Series.

To the music of Chattaway's orchestra, about twenty couples of Palatka's young society circle danced Wednesday evening in the Club House. Light, airy frocks and Palm Beach suits made a delightful picture to the onlookers. This is the last party of the series of the season's dances and the affair was thoroughly enjoyed. During the intermission, lemonade and sandwiches were served.

Died in the Night, Alone.

Mooney & Davis, undertakers, have forwarded the remains of Thomas McDonald, who died sometime during the night of last Monday alone in his home at Orange Mills, to his brother, Mr. John McDonald, of Syasset, Long Island, New York.

Deceased was a member of the B. P. O. E. of Norwalk, Conn., as papers found in his home indicated. Elks of this city assisted in arranging for and discovering the whereabouts of his relatives. He was found by neighbors who missed him. They saw a light burning in his house and went in only to find him dead. He lived alone, and little was known concerning him. Mooney & Davis were notified and they took charge of the body.

Mind the Mayor's Wishes.

Mayor Merriam has issued a sensible proclamation. His honor doesn't issue many of them, but when he does you can bet on its being needed.

It is in another column. He wants you to clean up. He wants it done today and tomorrow, so that when the visitors begin to arrive on Sunday and Monday they will be confronted with a clean town. Isn't that sensible. The Woman's Club asked the mayor to do this. These women see these things quicker than men. Neatness appeals to them more. They feel humiliated when any one speaks depreciatingly of their home town. Don't you? You will hear so much less of this if the city makes a good impression on its visitors next Monday. Get to it.

Little Girl Dies.

Margaret May, the little 17 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mullis, died on Friday of last week after an illness of only four days. This little child was very dear to the hearts of her parents and friends, and her sudden death is a sad bereavement to them. The sympathy of all will be with them in their affliction.

The funeral was held from the family home on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. S. Grady of the Methodist church officiating. The interment was in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullis desire through The News to thank all who in sympathy and neighborly kindness aided them in the last hours of their little one, and who brought flowers and words of comfort for the last sad rites.

BARBECUE MATTERS PROGRESSING FINELY

Committee on Arrangements Will be Ready for Record Crowd.

Indications are that Palatka will be Taxed to the Limit—Visitors coming from all Parts of County.

The committee of arrangements for the big political barbecue to welcome the State Candidates have every thing in readiness for the big event. Out at the Burt lot on the Riverside Drive, under the giant oaks, the tables are being built, together with the speakers stand.

Julius Neubeck, expert barbecue chef, has selected his beef and porkers, and they are of the best specimens raised in Florida. He will have the meat barbecued to the queen's taste, and has selected as his chief lieutenant and assistant M. O. Osteen, who is also some punk when it comes to barbecuing a steer.

It will be the big political rally of the year. All of the prominent State and Congressional candidates will be present and some of them are orators.

There is one exception. Rev. Sidney J. Catts, now prominent as a gubernatorial candidate, will probably not be present. He has been called to Birmingham, Ala., to the bedside of a dying son. This will disappoint many of his friends here. Of course there is a possibility that he may yet come.

Jack Becks, chairman of the committee on arrangements, says that letters and enquiries received all indicate that the people from the country sections will simply pour into town to hear these eminent men.

This committee has sent invitations to every State and National candidate, and while these were separated by the State Executive Committee and given separate itineraries, it is likely, owing to the immensity of the affair planned, that the Senatorial candidates will be here as well as the candidates for Governor, Congressmen and the minor State offices.

Surely it is Palatka's purpose to provide a good old-fashioned feed for all visitors. Their intellectual and political food will come from the visiting candidates. There is a chance for overfeeding in either case.

Palatka Joins Navy.

William E. Bailey Jr., of this city has just passed his examinations for service in the U. S. Navy and is now in the training school for the navy at Portsmouth, Va. Mr. Bailey had long wanted to enter this department of the service, but by reason of being a little off in weight in proportion to his splendid physique, was advised to defer for a time. A week ago Tuesday the time seemed to have arrived, and he went to the recruiting office in Savannah, where he passed a splendid preliminary examination. From Savannah he was sent to Atlanta, where he passed his final examination and was admitted. Young Bailey wants to take the electrical engineering course provided in the navy for young men so inclined, and from Atlanta was sent to Portsmouth, Va., where he is now at work in the training school. Mr. Bailey lived for many years at Satsuma Heights and his many friends on the peninsula will be pleased at his success. His parents are now living in this city, his father being engaged with Mr. Newton in the harness business on Lemon street.

The Hollister Picnic.

The last, probably, of the series of basket picnics which have been held during the campaign in the country precincts, was that at Hollister last Saturday. But it was by no means the least. The candidates began to arrive from Palatka and other points soon after nine o'clock and by 11 all were present.

A great number from the Hollister section and surrounding precincts were present, and at noon a magnificent basket picnic dinner was served on the long table which had been erected for the occasion.

The candidates were heard before and after dinner, and all were given a chance to present their claims. Good nature and harmony prevailed in it all.

The people of Hollister are certainly a charming and hospitable lot. If any stranger failed in getting that "At Home" feeling, it was not because of any failure on the part of those good people to do their part.

Mr. John Chesser was chairman of the meeting and introduced the candidates in a gracious manner. His aged father, Major Jas. W. Chesser, arrived early in the afternoon, having just returned from the annual Confederate reunion at Birmingham, Ala. This old veteran was well decorated with honor badges and miniature flags of the Confederacy and was greeted with much affection by his home people. Another returning veteran was Capt. Archibald J. Spott, who was also on the ground to welcome the visitors. Capt. Chesser of Alachua county, a brother of Major Chesser was also present, having stopped over from Birmingham for a visit with his brother.

Hollister people know how to feed; they also know the art of good, wholesome cookery. The ladies are entitled to much credit for that beautiful spread.

REV. DR. ALFORD'S SPLENDID ADDRESS

To Graduating Class of High School on Monday Night.

Rev. Dr. C. M. Alford, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and one of the most eloquent pulpit orators in Florida, delivered the following appropriate address at the closing exercises of the Putnam High School at Howell Theater last Monday night:

You are standing on the threshold of active life; you have been tarrying in the school until your elastic capacities should harden into the bone and sinew of intellectual manhood. Like the war-horse, which snuffeth the battle from afar, your hearts beat high with the generous impulses of youth.

Permit me to say that you have been pursuing your studies in the best schools of the world. The state schools far surpass all other elementary schools. Church schools cannot compare with them. In fact church schools of the elementary grade only exist in order to teach the peculiar tenets of their faith. If parents wish their children to spend their time in learning the catechism of some church, send them to the church school; if they wish them to receive a good foundation for fine scholarship, and practical business and professional life, send them to the public school. American citizens! Stand by the public school! Defend the public school against any power that may rise up against it.

Thousands of years ago two races of men planted the germs of all the civilization and culture we possess—viz. the Egyptians and the Greeks. With the Egyptians learning was a mystery. It was subdivided into branches, and these were the exclusive hereditary property of families. They shared the things they knew neither with each other nor the world. The result was that their arts and learning have perished. Their pyramids, obelisks temples and sphinxes testify to the grandeur of their age; but of their sages, philosophers and poets, not even a name survives. On the other hand, the education of Greece was free and open to all. Her schools, colleges and gymnasiums had doors on every side, all she knew or discovered was the common property of the world. Men came from all parts of the world to Athens the greatest educational centre of all time. Demosthenes and Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, Pericles and Leonidas are household names to-day. Although dead, they still instruct in the studio, teach in the college, legislate in the senate, and fight in the field. The art, eloquence, philosophy, literature and patriotism of Greece, have been the inspiration administration and despair of all succeeding generations. On these broad free lines we have established our school system. All that the most intellectual men of our day know, we wish to give out to the future citizens of our land. Well do I remember the day I graduated from the High School. I had completed the full course. Felt I had consumed all the loose knowledge that was then in existence. I knew a great deal more than my father, for I knew all he knew, plus what I knew myself. Like Alexander the Great, who sat down and cried because there were no more words to conquer, I actually went into the boy's hat and coat room and wept because there were no more books to conquer. I had reached the top rung of the ladder. At the commencement I delivered an oration in the academy of music—Subject, "Pyramids not all Egyptian." The week following my commencement, father handed me a few college catalogues and together we went over the various curriculums. What a revelation! Studies by the score, whose names I could not even pronounce. Instead of knowing everything, I knew almost nothing. Instead of closing my educational career, I was just opening it. My young friends—this is "COMMENCEMENT," not the FINAL.

You are beginning your educational life not ending it. Even when you have graduated in several institutions of learning, and have entered on some chosen walk of life, you will then begin to realize that you are simply picking up a few pebbles on the shore of the great ocean of knowledge. The highest aim of a moral being under the government of God must be external to himself. His highest law of action is to make all personal improvement and gratification subordinate to that of others. "This is the basis of both the heroic and the christian character. The founder of our religion came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give his life for others. The soldier cannot become a national hero unless his personal ambitions are merged into those of the citizen and the patriot. So the scholar who does not hold his intellectual treasures as a trust, for the good of the world, is a miser—an intellectual sponge, continually absorbing—never giving out.

To know, simply for the pleasure of knowing, is a poor use for knowledge. There is pleasure in the pursuit of knowledge. But how much more pleasure will we find in acquiring knowledge that we may put it to some useful occupation. Mr. Thomas A. Edison enjoys the discoveries he makes in the line of electrical inventions because it is pleasant to know, but he enjoys them far more for the pleasure of knowledge.

Consider how boys and girls tumble into marriage without any previous instruction as to what marriage means or any previous preparation, even in their thoughts, for its unforeseen and unconsidered responsibilities. We might well be surprised that there are so few divorces.—Dr. Lyman Abbott in Outlook.

PUTNAM HIGH SCHOOL LEAD IN CONTEST.

The number of votes issued by the merchants of this city during the first few weeks of the Library Contest, now being conducted by well known business firms and the Palatka News, is an indication of the interest manifested by the different churches, lodges, schools and societies of Palatka in this great Contest. And why shouldn't they show interest and patronize the merchants and business firms whose names appear in this week's advertisement, when by so doing they can obtain coupons and increase their chance for winning the fine library of one hundred and two volumes and four sections of book cases.

Do not forget to cut out the coupon which appears in the Palatka News each week during this contest, also phone the different members of your church, lodge, school or society and have them do the same. You will be surprised to see how quickly the votes count up as each coupon is equal to ten votes.

The only advantage one church, lodge, school or society has over another is the advantage of an early start. The different organizations that enter now will naturally receive the benefit that comes to the ones who move quickly, still, if they are determined to win, the fact that they started later than some others will not prevent them from coming out the winner. The more contestants the merrier seems to be the popular sentiment of all.

Judges Messrs. Will N. Walton, C. H. Price and R. M. Coleman counted the votes again this week and following is the standing of the various organizations:

Palatka High School	35450
Palatka Public Library	31970
B. P. O. E.	1802
K. of P.	1508
M. W. of A.	1250
I. O. O. F.	1235
Presbyterian Church	290
W. O. W.	2
Red Men	19539
Catholic Club	8518
Moose Club	7513
Woman's Club	13041
Hastings High School	20281
Baptist Church	10691
M. E. Church	7043

New Boat to Welaka.

The big launch Varuna has been purchased of Capt. W. M. Miller of Crescent City and today or tomorrow will take the place of the Harry Lee between Palatka and Welaka, Georgetown Drayton Island and way ports. Capt. Causey will be in command. The Varuna has been in Palatka for several days. It is a commodious launch and has every comfort for passengers, together with ample freight deck.

It will be remembered that Capt. Hiseock has secured a fine mail contract on Mobile Bay, and some time ago announced his intention of taking the Harry Lee to that place. The Varuna will carry the mail to the up river points named.

Word From Mrs. M. V. Millard.

Mrs. M. V. Millard, whose beautiful home on the shore of pretty Mariner's Lake a little out from Interlachen, was a center of gracious hospitality and culture during the few years she lived there, and who since the death of her husband has been making her home with her distinguished son-in-law, Dr. Butterfield, at Amhurst, Mass., writes to The News that she has gone to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to reside with another daughter, Mrs. Berry, whose husband only recently died there.

Her letter will be of interest to many of our readers, especially those living in the Interlachen section. She says:

"You no doubt noticed among your Interlachen items that my son-in-law, Mr. Berry, whose home was here, had passed away, and that I was sent for to comfort my daughter. Mr. Berry came here about seven years ago on account of tubercular tendencies. To all appearances he had won out in a restored health and was filling an important position as auditor for the electric light and telephone company, when he was suddenly taken ill, and so quickly did the death messenger come that he only survived three weeks. Mr. Berry and daughter spent a year with us in Interlachen. "Albuquerque is a wonderful city of 15,000 inhabitants, located out in the desert with its steeples in the clouds. Everything indicates western rush and hurry. It is a great health resort. Five large sanitariums here—a Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, Catholic and one for all, though not free for all."

Tumbling Into Marriage.

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